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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirzel (4671650).

Referring to **claim 1**, Hirzel shows an apparatus for optical inertial measurement with a body (figure 2), an optical head (figure 2), a sensor (column 2 line 55-65), and a processor (column 3 line 9-26).

Referring to **claim 2**, Hirzel shows the apparatus wherein there is more than one optical element (figure 1).

Referring to **claim 3**, Hirzel shows an apparatus wherein the more than one optical elements are spatially arranged around the body to create a symmetric layout of optical paths (figure 1).

Referring to **claim 5**, Hirzel shows an apparatus wherein one of the more than one optical elements is a nadir optical element focused to create an optical path to a nadir viewing region (column 2 line 50 – column 4 line 20).

Referring to **claim 6**, Hirzel shows an apparatus wherein a secondary optical element is provided to create a secondary path (figure 1).

Referring to **claim 7**, Hirzel shows an apparatus wherein the at least one viewing region is an earth reference viewing region (figure 1).

Referring to **claim 12**, Hirzel shows a method for optical inertial measurement comprising receiving images (column 2 line 55-65), and performing optical flow motion extraction (column 3 line 9-26).

Referring to **claim 13**, Hirzel shows more than one viewing region (figure 1).

Referring to **claim 14**, Hirzel shows the viewing regions being an earth reference (figure 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirzel (4671650) in view of Hoschette (4965453).

Referring to **claims 4 and 9**, Hirzel shows an apparatus for optical inertial measurement with a body (figure 2), an optical head (figure 2), a sensor (column 2 line 55-65), and a processor (column 3 line 9-26). However Hirzel does not show five or more optical elements focused in a different direction and angled at a known angle.

Hoschette shows at least five optical elements focused in different directions and angled at a known angel relative to the body to create an optical view path to at least

five viewing regions (figure 2 and corresponding specification). It would have been obvious to modify Hirzel to include the at least five optical elements disclosed in Hoschette because this allows for a larger viewing area without an extremely large optical element.

Referring to **claim 10**, Hirzel shows an apparatus wherein a secondary optical element is provided to create a secondary path (figure 1).

Claims 8, 11, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirzel (4671650) in view of Falbel (5189295).

Referring to claims 8 and 15, Hirzel shows an apparatus for optical inertial measurement with a body (figure 2), an optical head (figure 2), a sensor (column 2 line 55-65), and a processor (column 3 line 9-26). However Hirzel does not show an apparatus for optical inertial measurement wherein at least one viewing region is a celestial reference-viewing region.

Falbel shows a viewing region that is a celestial reference viewing region and processor that determines position based on pixel shift (figure 4). It would have been obvious to modify Hirzel to include the celestial reference position determination because if there was no ground based references for the sensors to receive the system could still work using the celestial references.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirzel (4671650) in view of Hoschette (4965453) and Falbel (5189295).

Hirzel shows an apparatus for optical inertial measurement with a body (figure 2), an optical head (figure 2), a sensor (column 2 line 55-65), and a processor (column 3

line 9-26). However Hirzel does not show five or more optical elements focused in a different direction and angled at a known angle.

Hoschette shows at least five optical elements focused in different directions and angled at a known angel relative to the body to create an optical view path to at least five viewing regions (figure 2 and corresponding specification). It would have been obvious to modify Hirzel to include the at least five optical elements disclosed in Hoschette because this allows for a larger viewing area without an extremely large optical element. However neither Hirzel nor Hoschette show an apparatus for optical inertial measurement wherein at least one viewing region is a celestial reference-viewing region.

Falbel shows a viewing region that is a celestial reference viewing region and processor that determines position based on pixel shift (figure 4). It would have been obvious to modify Hirzel to include the celestial reference position determination because if there was no ground based references for the sensors to receive the system could still work using the celestial references.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luke D. Ratcliffe whose telephone number is 571-272-3110. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza can be reached on 571-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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